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1. Met with Larry Houston, and Shef Edwards concerning the case. The Board had recommended that be terminated. However, 25X1A9a Larry, John and Shef felt that the Board's recommendation in this case was wrong and sought guidance as to how they should record their feelings. I told them that I thought they were not only privileged but obligated to record their views and would recommend that they attach a memorandum to the Board proceedings as it went forward.

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2. Talked to about serving on a committee with Ting Sheldon to examine our over-all relationship with the National and Security Agency. Frank advised me that was very deep into this problem and suggested that I talk with him, which I shall do.

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3. Talked to concerning his overscheduling letter and his unclassified letters to the Director. (See Memorandum for the Record on this subject.) 25X1A9a

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4. Lunched with Matt Baird and heard briefly about his trip. After lunch Gates, and I attended a two-hour briefing by , Chief of the Assessment and Evaluation Staff of the Office of Training. Believe that Ed has a good program which is of extreme value to the Agency. Had quite a discussion about his friction with the Psychiatric Division of the Medical Staff. He said that there was absolutely no communication between the two and that he felt there was needless duplication which was harmful. Talked to him quite frankly about my feeling that he and the Medical Staff did not have sufficient mutual respect for each other to work this problem out. Also emphasized my unhappiness about his taking this problem to the Inspector General without first talking to me about it. Told him that I was not satisfied that this was not more his imagination than anything else but that in any case I could do nothing about it unless he was willing to give me specific illustrations and concrete examples. He agreed to try to do this.

The briefing impressed me with the amount of information being accumulated by the Assessment and Evaluation Staff on our employees and the necessity for using it on a wider basis. In this connection, if the Office of Personnel could insure "privacy of the file" most of the material could be incorporated into the Personnel folders.

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also complained about the length of time it takes to get consultants. I shall look into this.

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